

IN THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Please amend the Abstract by rewriting same to read as follows.

An apparatus controlling method for performing control between apparatuses connected to a predetermined bus line, in which in a data transmission between a first apparatus and a second apparatus, presetting of settings for inputting or outputting of data in the first apparatus is directed by a transmission of a command in a predetermined format via the bus line. Further, an identification data unique to the second apparatus is transmitted upon the transmission of the directing command, and the first apparatus stores the transmitted unique identification data when performing the presetting in accordance with the command.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1-14 by rewriting same to read as follows.

*X2* *Dub B4* --1. (Amended) An apparatus controlling method for performing control between apparatuses connected to a predetermined bus line, wherein in data transmission between a first apparatus and a second apparatus, presetting of settings for inputting or outputting of data in the first apparatus is directed by a transmission of a command in a predetermined format via the bus line,